GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRADE WITH MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether India's trade with Middle East countries have increased during the last two years and the current year;

(b) If so, the details of imports/exports made alongwith the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise, and

(c) The steps taken by the Government to further improve the trade relations between India and Middle East countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. There have been overall increase in trade with all the Middle East countries during the last two years and the current year. The details of exports / imports, balance of trade and percentage growth during 2004-05, 2005-06 and the current year 2006-07 in respect of all the countries in the region are given in the Annexure I, II and III.

(c) Increased Government to Government contacts, holding Joint Commission Meetings with these countries at regular intervals, encouraging participation in the trade exhibitions and visits of trade delegations from time to time for strengthening bilateral official and institutional cooperative frame work have been undertaken to improve the trade relations.